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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 8/26/2003 in the above-identified application, the Applicant submits the following remarks.

The Examiner requested a restriction to one of the inventions in the above-identified application. In response, the Applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention of Figs. 4a, 4b, 6a, and 7, relating to claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11-20.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this response or any other matters pertaining to this application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned be called so that the same may be addressed in the most rapid and direct manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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